GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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COMPLETION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highway Development Programme is running behind schedule;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government to ensure completion of the project as per schedule to save escalation of cost?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) & (b) The Golden Quadrilateral component of National Highway Development Project (NHDP) is scheduled for completion by December, 2004 and the entire project is targeted to be completed by December, 2007. It is expected that these targets will be substantially adhered to.

(c) The following efforts are being made by the Government to ensure completion of project as per schedule.

i) Provision of bonus for early completion and penalty for delay, in civil works contracts
ii) Meetings with the States to resolve problems associated with land acquisition, shifting utilities, law and orders etc.
iii) Taking up issues at the level of Minister with Chief Ministers of States through letters/meetings to resolve problems related to land acquisition, law and order etc.
iv) Frequent review meetings at the level of Minister with Contractors/Consultants/officials of NHAI
v) Regular monitoring through daily and weekly progress reports.